

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for packaging smoking products comprising:
a loading carriage configured and arranged to hold smoking products;
5 a reservoir divider separating said loading carriage into a first reservoir compartment for units of a first type of smoking product and a second reservoir compartment for units of a second type of smoking product;
a feeder for guiding a preselected number of said units of said smoking products to an ejection position for packaging;
10 a feed divider separating said feeder into a first feed compartment for said units of said first type of smoking product and a second feed compartment for said units of said second type of smoking product;
said first reservoir compartment communicating with said first feed compartment and said second reservoir compartment communicating with said second feed compartment;
15 said dividers and compartments configured and arranged to guide units of said first type of smoking product and units of said second type of smoking product to said ejection area such that said units of both said first type of smoking product and said second type of smoking product are positioned to be ejected as a group.
2. The apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein said first type of smoking product and said second type of smoking product are selected from a group consisting of tobacco
20 cigarettes, herbal cigarettes, and cigars.
3. The apparatus set forth in claim 2, wherein said cigars are little cigars.
4. The apparatus set forth in claim 1, and further comprising a plunger for ejecting said group of units of said first and second smoking product.
- 25 5. A method for packing at least two types of smoking products into a single package comprising the steps of:

- providing the apparatus set forth in claim 1;
filling said first compartment with units of said first type of smoking product;
filling said second compartment with units of said second type of smoking product;
feeding said units into said feeder;
- 5 ejecting a preselected number of units of both said first smoking product and said
second smoking product as a group; and
wrapping said group in a single package.
6. A package of smoking products comprising:
at least one unit of a first type of smoking product;
- 10 at least one unit of a second smoking product; and
a package enclosing said units of both said first and said second smoking product.
7. The package set forth in claim 6, wherein said first type of smoking product and
said second type of smoking product are selected from a group consisting of tobacco cigarettes,
herbal cigarettes and cigars.
- 15 8. The package set forth in claim 7, wherein said package is a conventional cigarette
pack configured to hold twenty units of a conventional tobacco cigarette.
9. The package set forth in claim 8, wherein said package holds ten units of said first
smoking product and ten units of said second smoking product.